

## John Henry Eaton to Rachel Donelson Jackson, December 18, 1823, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

**JOHN H. EATON TO MRS. JACKSON.**

Washington, December 18, 1823.

*Dear Madm.* The general is in very fine health, and in just as good sperits. He has so many visits however to make as well amongst the Ladies as the gentlemen that it is quite probable he is not a punctual correspondent, and therefore is it that I write to you. He is constantly in motion to some Dinner party or other, and to night stands engaged at a large Dancing party at Genl Browns; but whether or not he will become one of the Dancers shall become the subject of some future letter. I assure you he is in most excellent health, much better than he has been in a long time—the journey was of great service to him, and since arriving here is in just as comfortable quarters as he could have.

It will afford you great pleasure I know, to be informed that all his old quarrels have been settled. The General is at peace and in friendship with genl. Scott, Genl Cocke, Mr Clay and what you would never have expected Col Benton: he is in harmony and good understanding with every body, a thing I know you will be happy to hear

I am quite in a hurry

with great respect

[ *In Jackson's handwriting:* ] P. S. the inclosed information is all true, but highly coloured as it respects the dining and vissits—too much of that is true, and as yet I cannot free myself from them. It is a pleasing subject to me that I am now at peace with all the world. The

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kindness, and attention of my friend major Eaton on the Journey, and here, has added much to my comfort and health, I shall write you soon, hope to hear that your health is good, accept of my prayers for it and believe me your affectionate Husband.